PASTORAL CARE

Sacrament of Confession: Every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.00pm

Sacrament of Baptism of Infants: First Saturday of every month. Please call at the Church's office for a baptismal form. Instructions: Thursday preceding the date for baptism.

Visitation of the Sick and Aged: Thursdays at 7.00 am.

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Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made <u>at least six months to a year</u> with the priests. The couple or one of them must be a registered member of the Church for at least 6 months.

Consultation of Priests: Monday, Tuesday Wednesdays (In the Evenings) Time: 6.30 - 8.00 pm. In case of any emergency call on the Priest.

Church office hours: Mon. to Thur.:10am -2pm & 5 pm -8pm: Sat. 6 pm to 8p: Sun: 9 am -1.30: Friday: Off Duty

SUNDAY MASS: FIRST MASS - 7:00AM AT STM, SECOND MASS - 9:30AM AT SJF

NEXT SUNDAY: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Singing: First Mass: Ave Maria Second Mass: Youth Choir

Offertory: First Mass: Ave Maria, X'tian Mothers and Amalgamated Community.

Second Mass: Youth Groups and New Achimota FAW Abofu.

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday 6:15am Wednesday 6:30pm Thursday 6:15am

UPCOMING EVENT

Deanery Crusade 4th to 20th September

SLOGAN: St. Thomas More: Besohwe! St. Thomas

More: Justice and Truth!! St Thomas More: Pray for us!!!

SLOGAN: St John Fisher: Besohwe! St John Fisher: Justice and Truth!! St John Fisher: Pray For Us!!!

THANKS FOR WORSHIPPING WITH US. HAVE A BLESSED WEEK.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. There is Bible sharing this and every Wednesday at STM at 7:00pm.
- Rama School at Akweteman Accra is presently admitting pupils into Creche, Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and JHS one. For further information, contact: 0208183591 or 0302406814.
- Thursday is the first Thursday in the month, there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 6:15am to 7pm.
- 4. There will be no Infant baptism this Saturday due to Friday's all night.
- Marriage Banns: (3rd time) Victor Dotey and Sabina Elemawusi Dzimado
- 6. Funeral details for the late Robert Aduku Awugiya of Kisseman community are as follows: Friday 13th Sept 2013: laying in state at his residence at Kisseman. Saturday 14th Sept 2013: Burial Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church Achimota. Internment at Osu Cemetery. Sunday 15th Sept 2013: Thanksgiving Mass at St. Thomas More Catholic Church at 7am.
- 7. Funeral details for the late Madam Bernice Baiden (wife of Mr.John Ata Poku Dabanka) of Akan Kuo society are as follows: There will be no wake keeping. Saturday 14th Sept 2013: Laying in state at her residence at Tantra Hills from 5am 8am, Burial Mass at St. John Fisher Catholic Church (New Achimota) at 8:30am. Internment at Osu Cemetery. Family gathering at St. John Fisher, near Azuma Nelson's house from 1pm 6pm. Sunday 15th September 2013: Thanksgiving Mass at St. John Fisher Catholic Church at 9:30am.

QUIZ

Answer to last week's: Extraordinary Minister for Confirmation- any priest delegated by the Bishop

This week's: Who is the minister for the sacrament of Holy Orders?

QUOTE

It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels.

St. Augustine

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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



1ST SEPT, 2013: TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-THEME FOR THE WEEK: HUMILITY



TODAY'S READINGS

1st Reading: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

An attentive ear is the desire of the wise." The person who is humble and attentive towards God will never reject wisdom, no matter where it comes from.

Responsorial Psalm: 68:4-7, 10-11 In your goodness, O God, you provided for the poor

2nd Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

The second reading exalts Mount Zion as an image of the heavenly Jerusalem to which we draw near without fear.

Gospel: Lk 14:1, 7-14

Jesus illustrates true humility and hospitality: invite those who cannot return the favour

Reflection

Humility is not too well understood. We live in a world, which encourages self-promotion, and it is all too easy to get sucked into the rat race. Pride is so ``````endemic in our natures that it goes undetected by those who display it. Jesus calls for selfless service in today's gospel. This is at the heart of Christianity. It consists of putting others before self. This is not easy, because selfishness is much part of our human nature. Jesus tells us: "the greatest in my Kingdom are those who serve." He showed this by example when he washed the disciples" feet, when he sent them away to rest, while he took care of the crowds. Do you want to be great in the Kingdom? Be humble and be of service.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- ❖ Mon 2nd Sept, 2013 1Thes4:13-18; Ps 96:1,3-5,11-13; Lk 4:16-30
- *Tues 3rd Sept, 2013(St. Gregory)
 1Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Ps 27:1,4,13-14;
 Lk 4:31-37
- * Wed 4th Sept, 2013 Col 1:1-8: Ps 52:10-11: Lk 4:38-44
- **Thur 5th Sept, 2013**Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
- Fri 6th Sept, 2013 Col1:15-20; Ps 100:2-5; Lk 5:33-39
- ❖ Sat 7th Sept, 2013 Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4,6,8; Lk 6:1-5

8TH SEPTEMBER, 2013 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading: Wis 9:13-18

Resp. Ps : 90: 3-6,12-14,17

2nd Reading: Plem 9-10,12-17

Gospel : Lk 14:25-33

KNOW MORE ABOUT YOUR FAITH

The Two Natures of Jesus Christ

Christ's humanity was not a mere fleshly shell that God rented and used for a temporary amount of time. God did not iust come to live in flesh as a man, but the 'Word became flesh' (John 1:14). God incorporated human nature into His eternal being. In the incarnation humanity has been permanently incorporated into the Godhead. God is now a man in addition to being God. At the virgin conception God acquired an identity He would retain for the rest of eternity.

His human existence is both authentic and permanent. Jesus' humanity is not something that can be discarded or dissolved back into the Godhead, but He will always and forever exist in heaven as a glorified man, albeit God at the same time. Upon his ascension, Jesus was not deified, but rather was glorified.

Contrasting views

A variety of events led up to Chalcedon. but there were three opposing views that deserved the church's attention. Nestorianism, Apollinarianism, Eutychianism all challenged the view that the one person of Christ included a human and divine nature. While their goals may have been to unify the person or natures, each view was condemned as heresy.

Apollinarianism

Apollinarians argued that in the Incarnation the Son of God assumed a human nature but not a human soul. Instead, his divine nature took the place of the soul. This view diminished the full humanity of Jesus and was condemned at the Council of Constantinople in 381. This view is similar to docetism.

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Nestorianism

Nestorianism insisted that there were two natures but that there were also two persons: one divine and the other human. Rather than unifying Jesus, this view separated the person of Jesus along with his two natures.

Eutvchianism

This view essentially absorbed the human nature into the divine nature. In an attempt to unify the person of Jesus, Eutychianism denied the two natures of Jesus and affirmed a new, or third, nature. This issue is also similar to that of monophysitism (mono - one; physis nature).

Monophysitism, Miaphysitism, and **Dyophysitism**

Adherents of miaphysitism argue that it is different than monophyistism, "mia standing for a composite unity unlike mone standing for an elemental unity" They argue:

"After the Union, Christ was no longer in two natures. The two natures became united into one nature without separation, without confusion and without change. Thus He was at the same tithe perfect God and perfect man.

This is the union of the natures in the Incarnation. After the union Christ is not two persons or two natures, but one Person, one incarnate Nature of God the Son, with one will, but being at once divine and human. The Council of Chalcedon resolutely affirmed dyophysitism over monophysitism and miaphysitism, saying that Christ had two inseparable natures in one person.

YOUTH CORNER

KPEHE DEANERY CRUSADE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAMME

THEME: JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER (HEB.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	ACTION
Sept. 4 - 6, 2013	6:30pm to 8pm	3 Days Fasting & Prayer	Various Parishes
Sept. 8 - 16, 2013		Exchange of Pulpits New Evangelization Visits to delinquent members of the Church	Deanery Priests Individual Parishes and Parishioners
Sept. 18-20, 2013	5pm to 9pm	3 days Crusade	All Parishes and Churches Venue: Amasaman Park near St. Bakita Catholic Church.

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Details of the three days Fasting and Prayers (4th – 6th Sept 2013)

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DAYS ACTIVITY THEME

DATE Sept. 4 - 6, 2013	6:30pm to 8pm	EVENT 3 Days Fasting & Prayer	ACTION Various Parishes	Day One	Breaking fast with Holy Mass	Repentance (Ps. 137)	6:30PM - 8PM	
Sept. 8 - 16, 2013		Exchange of Pulpits New Evangelization Visits to delinquent members of the Church	Deanery Priests Individual Parishes and Parishioners	Day Two	Breaking fast with Adoration	Worship and Thanksgiving (Ps. 105:3)	6:30PM - 8PM	
Sept. 18-20, 2013	5pm to 9pm	3 days Crusade	All Parishes and Churches Venue: Amasaman Park near St. Bakita Catholic Church.	Three MAY (ND OF THIS	(Matt.9) LL YOUR HEAS THREE DAYS	5AM	

FINANCE CORNER

Thank you all for your generosity. May God bless you.

<u>DETAILS OF LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION</u>						